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RESOLUTION NO. 1177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING COMMERCIAL AIR PASSENGER AND OTHER INCOMPATIBLE AIR SERVICE AT PAINE FIELD LOCATED WITHIN SNOHOMISH COUNTY, AND ESTABLISHING A $5,000 APPROPRIATION FOR POTENTIAL LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1978, the Snohomish County Commission expressly supported "the selection of the new redefined General Aviation role" for Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1978, the Snohomish County Commission expressly cited in a document titled "Role for Development of Paine Field Selected" that "The General Aviation Role will limit the expansion of aviation activities at Paine Field which are least compatible with its dominant aviation role and which would impose the most severe adverse environmental impacts on the surround communities," and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1978, the Snohomish County Commission expressly cited in a document titled "Role for Development of Paine Field Selected" that "The General Aviation Role will provide the County with the best opportunity to successfully implement an aggressive, long term noise abatement program at Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the Snohomish County Government adopted an agreement referred to as the Mediated Role Determination (MRD) which strongly discourages commercial air passenger service at Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, since 1979, in good faith, families, business owners, and public schools have relied on the MRD, and invested billions of dollars into their homes, businesses, and schools in the vicinity of Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds agrees with the 1979 Paine Field Mediation Panel Recommendation that Paine Field remain light aircraft oriented with the role as defined "General Aviation," and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council's decision to rely on Sea-Tac Airport to provide commercial airfield capacity through at least 2030 is the result of an elaborate regional decision-making process, and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council August 2001 Regional Airport System Plan states that "The primary purpose of general aviation airports is to provide alternate landing areas and aircraft basing facilities for general aviation aircraft, so major air carrier airports, such as Sea-Tac can concentrate on passengers and air cargo," and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council 2001 Destination 2030 and Regional Airport System Plan update states "Sea-Tac is expected to meet the region's commercial air passenger capacity needs until the year 2030 and perhaps beyond...," and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Regional Council Resolution 93-03 specifically states "that there are no feasible sites for a major supplemental airport within the four-county region, and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Regional Council Resolution 93-03 addressed the use of Paine Field for commercial service and the regional decision, as reflected in the resolution, states to "eliminate small supplemental airports, including Paine Field, as a preferred alternative," and

WHEREAS, in 2003 Snohomish County Airport embarked upon a study to identify conditions necessary to bring commercial air service to Paine Field Airport, and

WHEREAS, in 2004 the Snohomish County Citizens' Cabinet on Economic Development recommended consideration of commercial air service at Paine Field as possibly providing significant benefits to attract and retain certain kinds of businesses, and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds passed Resolution #810 on January 31, 1995, Resolution #1083 on February 22, 2005, Resolution #1095 on June 5, 2005, and Resolution #1165 on February 5, 2008, stating and restating its opposition to commercial and passenger air service at Paine Field, and there has been no additional information to persuade the City Council to change said resolutions, and

WHEREAS, in 2006-2007, the Snohomish County Executive convened a panel to review the language of the Mediated Role Determination and the panel found that the MRD should remain a policy document that guides long-term decision making surrounding the airport, and

WHEREAS, at the present time no documented demand exists to support commercial air travel into the Snohomish County Airport, and

WHEREAS, the implementation of expanded commercial and passenger air service to Paine Field will have adverse impacts to the City of Edmonds, its residents and property values, and

WHEREAS, the cities of Mukilteo, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and Woodway, (representing over 77,000) have joined the City of Edmonds in expressing their opposition to commercial and incompatible air service at Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County and the Snohomish County Airport have not provided an environmental impact statement identifying potential adverse environmental impacts associated with increased commercial and passenger air service and proposed mitigation measures to address any identified impacts, and

WHEREAS, regional commercial passenger air service would jeopardize legally and financially, the County's substantial investment in airport facilities at Paine Field and a truly poor economic decision will foster a long term major confrontation which is not in the best interests of the airport, County and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2008, Allegiant Air submitted a letter to Snohomish County Paine Field asking the County to begin negotiations regarding commercial air service from Paine Field., and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2008, the Snohomish County Council approved Joint Resolution NO. 08-020, "Reaffirming Snohomish County's Commitment to Preserving Paine Field's Existing General Aviation Role and stating the County's commitment to preserving the 1978-79 Mediated Role Determination (MRD) and Snohomish County's subsequent reaffirmation of the MRD in 1989, 1992 and 2001, and

Whereas, on June 4, 2008, the Federal Aviation Administration submitted a letter to Snohomish County stating that the County must make the airport and related areas available on reasonable terms and negotiate a lease in good faith now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council, past Councils, families, business owners, and public schools have, since 1978, in good faith, relied on the MRD and invested billions of dollars into their homes, businesses, and schools in the vicinity of Paine Field.

Section 2. The Mayor and Edmonds City Council reaffirm their earlier opposition to commercial air passenger service at Paine Field and call for the Snohomish County Executive

and Council to reaffirm its commitment and support to the Mediated Role of Determination for Paine Field and to take all necessary actions to prevent commercial air passenger service at Paine Field.

Section 3. The City of Edmonds hereby establishes a $5,000 appropriation for potential Paine Field legal and administrative purposes.

RESOLVED this 24th day of June, 2008.

APPROVED:

MAYOR, GARY HAAKENSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Sandra S. Chase

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